LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Previously Presented)   A method for securely downloading files to a managed device, the method comprising the steps of:

selecting a managed device for interfacing with networks or devices over the Internet;

assigning a unique identification number to the device;

creating a file for the managed device on a database, wherein the file can be downloaded over the Internet to the managed device;

creating an access verification program for downloading the file, wherein the access verification program permits a user of the managed device at a remote location to access the file over the Internet by entering the unique identification number, and wherein the access verification program permits the user to download the file over the Internet for a period of time;

receiving an identification number from the user;

verifying that the identification number received from the user is the same as the unique identification number;

permitting access to the database by the user for downloading the file for a period of time;

downloading the file from the database to the managed device; and

blocking access to the database for downloading the file.

2. (Previously Presented)   The method for securely downloading files to a managed device according to claim 1, wherein the file is a configuration file.

3. (Previously Presented)   The method for securely downloading files to a managed device according to claim 1, wherein the managed device is a router.

4. (Previously Presented)   The method for securely downloading files to a managed device according to claim 1, wherein the unique identification number is the serial number of the managed device.

5. (Previously Presented)   The method for securely downloading files to a managed device according to claim 1, further comprising assigning a password to the managed device, wherein the password is used in combination with the unique identification number for access verification.

6. (Previously Presented)   The method for securely downloading files to a managed device according to claim 1, wherein the period of time is predetermined.

7. (Previously Presented)   The method for securely downloading files to a managed device according to claim 1, wherein the period of time is less than four hours.

8. (Previously Presented)   The method for securely downloading files to a managed device according to claim 1, wherein the period of time is less than one hour.

9. (Previously Presented)   The method for securely downloading files to a managed device according to claim 1, further comprising selecting a portable device for reading the unique identification number.

10. (Previously Presented)   The method for securely downloading files to a managed device according to claim 1, wherein the unique identification number can be read using a portable device.

11. (Previously Presented)   The method for securely downloading files to a managed device according to claim 10, wherein the portable device comprises a bar code scanner.

12. (Previously Presented)   The method for securely downloading files to a managed device according to claim 10, wherein a password is entered into the portable device.

13. (Previously Presented)   The method for securely downloading files to a managed device according to claim 10, wherein the unique identification number and the password are downloaded from the portable device to the database.

14. (Previously Presented)   The method for securely downloading files to a managed device according to claim 1, wherein access to the database for downloading the file is blocked after the file has been downloaded.

15. (Previously Presented)   The method for securely downloading files to a managed device according to claim 1, wherein access to the database for downloading the file is blocked after the time period has expired.

16. (Previously Presented)   A method for securely downloading files to a router, the method comprising the steps of:

selecting a router for interfacing with networks or devices over the Internet;

assigning a unique identification number to the router;

assigning a unique password to the router;

creating a configuration file for the router on a database, wherein the configuration file can be downloaded over the Internet to the router;

creating an access verification program for downloading the configuration file, wherein the access verification program permits a user of the router at a remote location to access the configuration file over the Internet by entering the unique identification number and password, and wherein the access verification program permits the user to download the configuration file over the Internet for a period of time;

receiving an identification number and a password from the user;

verifying that the identification number and the password received from the user are the same as the unique identification number and the unique password;

permitting access to the database by the user for downloading the configuration file for a period of time;

downloading the configuration file from the database to the router; and

blocking access to the database for downloading the configuration file after the file has

been downloaded or the period of time has expired.

17. (Previously Presented) The method for securely downloading files to a router according to

claim 16, wherein the unique identification number is the serial number of the router.

18. (Previously Presented) The method for securely downloading files to a router according to

claim 16, wherein the period of time is predetermined.

19. (Previously Presented) The method for securely downloading files to a router according to

claim 16, wherein the period of time is less than one hour.

20. (Previously Presented) The method for securely downloading files to a router according to

claim 16, further comprising selecting a portable device for reading the unique identification

number.

21. (Previously Presented) The method for securely downloading files to a router according to

claim 16, wherein the unique identification number and the unique password can be read using a

portable device.

22. (Previously Presented) The method for securely downloading files to a router according to

claim 21, wherein the portable device comprises a bar code scanner.

23. (Previously Presented)   The method for securely downloading files to a router according to

claim 21, wherein the unique identification number and the unique password are downloaded

from the portable device to the database.

24. (Previously Presented)   The method for securely downloading files to a router according to

claim 16, wherein access to the database for downloading the file is blocked after the file has

been downloaded.

25. (Currently Amended)   The method for securely downloading files to a router according to

claim 1 claim 16, wherein access to the database for downloading the file is blocked after the

time period has expired.